

# COUNTY OF YORK

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** May 25, 2005 (BOS Mtg. 6/7/05)

**TO:** York County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

**SUBJECT:** 2005 Disaster Recovery Fund

The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has notified eligible localities that funds are available through the 2005 Disaster Recovery Fund to assist communities recovering from four disaster incidents that occurred between August 31, 2003, and October 1, 2004. York County is eligible to apply for up to \$700,000 to assist with recovery efforts resulting from Hurricane Isabel.

The County's request seeks reimbursement funding for County households who meet the 2005 Disaster Recovery Fund eligibility requirements. Specifically these are household who experienced a 50 percent or greater loss in value to the house or unit; and for whom other forms of assistance such as insurance or FEMA have already been, or will be utilized, but are insufficient to cover the cost of repairs.

In addition to the Individual Assistance request on behalf of eligible households, the County is seeking \$68,625 in Public Assistance Funding, also available as part of the 2005 Disaster Recovery Fund Program. These funds will be applied toward repair of the New Quarter Park access road, and the repair and replacement of a revetment along the Yorktown waterfront.

Individual applicants will be required to provide the necessary matching funds (10 percent). However, households who qualify for assistance under the local disaster relief program, funded with donations (primarily from Caritas) may utilize those funds as match. Local match funds are available for the Public Assistance projects.

DHCD requires a resolution from the Board of Supervisors authorizing the County Administrator to submit the application. Attached proposed Resolution R05-111 meets the requirements as set forth in the proposal guidelines.

### Recommendation

As the Board is aware, a number of households continue to struggle with recovery from the devastating effects of Hurricane Isabel. The 2005 Disaster Relief Program represents an opportunity to draw down funding to assist in those recovery efforts. I recommend the Board approve proposed Resolution R05-111 authorizing the submission of a 2005 Disaster Recovery Program request.

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Attachment

- Proposed Resolution R05-111